



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Bob Morgan, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 11, 2009

SUBJECT: IFYI

IFYI HIGHLIGHTS

- Update: Claudette Burroughs-White Memorial
- Water Utility Award
- Appointments to Swim Facility Advisory Board
- I-85/I-40 B Closures and Police Officers
- Cameras on Elm Street
- June 15th Greensboro Grasshoppers Game
- Follow-up: Watchful Network re: Summer Youth Employment Program

Update on Claudette Burroughs White Memorial

Council asked staff to research options, and associated costs, to memorialize the outstanding public service of Claudette Burroughs-White in the East Market Street Corridor. Staff requested recommendations from the East Market Street Development Corporation (EMSDC) Board of Directors.

The EMSDC Board approved the following recommendations as recognition options, and extends thanks the Greensboro City Council for its thoughtfulness to acknowledge in such a public manner the meaningful contributions made by Claudette Burroughs-White to the City of Greensboro.

Recommendations:

- 1) Rename the Market Street/US 29 Bridge the "Claudette Burroughs-White Bridge," including proper signage. **Two bronze plaques (1 on each side) = \$10,000**
- 2) Visible recognition (i.e., a bust, plaque, etc.) in the median just beyond the Dudley-Lee Center (headed east). Prices vary with sculpture. **Rough estimate for bust & pedestal = \$15,000.**
- 3) Street name recognition in a section of East Market Street (i.e. "Claudette Burroughs-White Way"). This could be the beginning of a "Historical Avenue" that highlights accomplished African-American citizens of Greensboro. **Honorary Street name sign blades = \$1,600**
- 4) Sustainable annual financial support or scholarship funding for Black Child Development in honor of Claudette Burroughs-White.

Water Utility Award

The City of Greensboro's Water Utility received the 2008 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Safe Drinking Water Act Excellence Award for Large Surface Water Public Water Supply System. The EPA's Region 4 is comprised of eight states in the country's Southeastern region, whose utilities were eligible to compete for this prestigious honor.

According to the EPA, the goals of the Excellence Award are to recognize and award water systems that demonstrate a commitment to compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act through outstanding operations and maintenance practices; heighten overall public awareness of the contributions of public water suppliers for ensuring adequate and safe drinking water; and to encourage public support for maintaining an exemplary status. The criteria for the award include compliance with federal and state drinking water standards and regulations, sanitary survey results, overall administrative management, operations and maintenance, and quality customer service.

City Council Appointments to Swimming Facility Advisory Board

Please provide recommendations to the Clerk for the Swim Facility Advisory Board. Each Council member is to appoint one person.

I-85/I-40 B Closures and Police Officers

The Police Department has partnered with NCDOT for more than 13 years providing off-duty officers to assist with construction and maintenance projects roadway closures. NCDOT recently closed sections of the I-85/I-40 Business Corridor from 8 PM on Friday evening to 6 AM on Monday morning to complete several road repair and maintenance projects. Since this was a continuous closure for two consecutive weekends it required that many of the traffic posts be staffed for the entire 56-hour closure period.

The officers staffing the traffic posts were all off-duty and paid thorough the NCDOT off-duty contract. This contract compensates officers at time and half their normal pay, and pays for their benefits and retirement expenses.

Cameras on Elm Street

In an effort to improve policing downtown, the Greensboro Police Department – working with the Department of Transportation and Information Technology – are seeking to install cameras along Elm Street in downtown. The cameras will allow for additional monitoring by patrols. In addition, Downtown Greensboro, Inc will seek to install four additional cameras downtown in the referenced locations. The project is on track for installation in the fall. Council will receive a full briefing at its July 21st meeting.

Downtown Locations:

South Elm and Washington
South Elm and East Market
North Elm and Friendly
North Elm and Bellemeade

Future DGI sites

South Elm and Lewis
South Elm and McGee
Green and Friendly
Green and Washington

Double the Fun: Greensboro Grasshoppers Game

The Greensboro Grasshoppers event (Monday, June 15) that City Council has invited all City employees to attend free of charge is a double-header. Attached is the updated flyer. We are informing employees of the change and through several venues: paychecks, internal web-site, internal e-mail newsletter and work-site postings. This event is of no cost to the City of Greensboro.

Follow-up: Watchful Network re: Summer Youth Employment Program

Training & Employment Services staff has responded to Mr. Luther Falls request for additional information and documentation about the Summer Youth Employment Program.



“Double Your Fun!”

**City Council invites all City
employees and one guest to attend**

Greensboro Grasshoppers

vs.

Hickory Crawdads

DOUBLE-HEADER

FREE OF CHARGE!

Monday, June 15, at 5:05 pm

(second game begins 30 minutes after first game ends)

at NewBridge Bank Park in downtown Greensboro

***Simply present your City badge at the gate
and you and one guest can enter for free!***

***(Tickets are valid for both seven-inning games of this double-header,
but there is no exit and re-entry.)***